

FAMILY HISTORY

THE GILES FAMILY ... THIS WAS GIVEN BY FREDERICK CROOK AT A GILES REUNION, JUNE 1925

If you look at the map of England in the Southern part you will find the counties of Shires of Cornwall. Ten out of every thousand people are Giles', in Devon. This was taken from a book "The Home of Families". There are Parishes, Churches and even towns named in honor of the Giles name. "The American Giles Family are strictly of English Origin", says J. Adam Vinton.

Sometime before 1797 Joseph Giles and his wife settled in the East part of England. From Joseph and Ann were born two Daughters, one was the mother of William. The other was the mother of Thomas. These are our Grand Parents.

William married Sarah Huskinson about 1820. This couple had 10 children as follows; Thomas H., George, Elizabeth, Ann, John, Mary, Frederick, Emily, Keziah, and William. All of whom have died at this writing except Keziah who is now 85 years of age last May 20, 1925. She is living in Orderville, Utah.

Thomas, Half brother to William, married Miriah Kirkham about 1826. To this couple was born the following children Thomas, Sarah, George M., Elizabeth, Ann, William M., Sarah stayed in England and married John Mitchell. Eleven children of both families were born in or near Nottinghamshire, England.

They joined the Church, got the spirit of Gathering and William Giles family left Liverpool in 1854 for Zion. They were 53 days crossing the ocean. They took the boat from New Orleans up the Mississippi river to Quincy, Illinois, there meeting Elizabeth, thence to Burlington, Iowa for Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they joined George. Both had been in America about two years. They left Burlington for Council Bluffs in 1854. They stayed in Council Bluffs two years where my father, John Crook got acquainted with the Giles family. The rest of this narration is taken from His (John Crook's) journal.

In the spring of 1856 the family prepared to go to Salt Lake City. They prepared their outfit in Hang Hollow, Iowa. About the first of June they left Council Bluffs for Florence, Nebraska, the outfitting place for the Saints to prepare for crossing the plains. Philo G. Merrill was Captain of Saints in 1856, with subcaptains over tens. The Giles family was with sub-captain E. B. Tripp. The company left Florence, Nebraska, about June 4, 1856. The company had their share of ups and downs, such as stampedes, Buffalo charges etc. They arrived in Salt Lake City about noon August 15, 1856.

On August 19, 1856 the family went to Provo, Utah, where they bought land and built homes. They remained in Provo about three years. In April 1859 John Jordan, John Crook, C. N. Carroll, William Giles, and John and James Carlile, Jesse Bond, Henry Chatwin and Thomas Rasband left Provo for Provo valley. (Heber). They arrived April 30, 1859. This was the beginning of the Giles family in Heber. All the family came but John who remained in Provo. The family has so multiplied with the Carliles that the present number would make a city almost as large as Heber.

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Thomas' family left Liverpool March 1862, In crossing the ocean the ship had to be repaired and it took them about six weeks to reach New York. They took the train to St. Lewis then took a boat up the Missouri river to Florence, where they joined the emigrants for Zion, in Captain Duncan's company, arriving in Heber in September 1861 coming by way of Silver Creek, direct to Heber. They came in the same company that the Lindsays and Montgomery's.